CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for organizing patents utilizing a computer-implemented system, comprising:

determining an identifier;

displaying a notes field for receiving manually entered notes;

storing the manually entered notes in association with the identifier;

allowing the manually selection of a file;

storing the manually selected file in association with the identifier; and

associating a plurality of patents with the identifier;

wherein the manually entered notes, the file, and the patents are accessible by subsequent selection of the identifier.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is determined by selecting an existing identifier.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is determined by adding the identifier.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is determined utilizing a pull-down menu.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is determined utilizing an add icon.

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6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is determined utilizing a modify icon.

7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the notes field allows a user to cut and paste notes.

8.   The method of claim 1, wherein the file is selected utilizing a file structure field.

9.   The method of claim 8, wherein the file structure field includes a file tree-structure.

10.   The method of claim 8, wherein the file structure field allows a user to browse various folders where files have been previously stored.

11.   The method of claim 8, wherein the file structure is displayed simultaneously with the notes field on the same interface.

12.   The method of claim 1, wherein the patents associated with the identifier are identified by searching a database.

13.   The method of claim 12, wherein the database is a comprehensive database of all patents issued by at least one government agency.

14.   The method of claim 1, wherein a mapping is generated based on the patents associated with the identifier.

15.   The method of claim 14, wherein the mapping includes a technology mapping.

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16.   The method of claim 15, wherein the mapping depicts a plurality of categories of technology utilizing a graphical user interface.

17.   The method of claim 16, wherein the mapping displays statistics regarding the patents in each of the categories of technology.

18.   An intellectual property data structure stored on a computer readable medium, comprising:

an identifier object;

a notes object correlated with the identifier object for tracking manually entered notes; and

at least one patent object correlated with the identifier object for tracking a plurality of patents.

19.   A method for organizing patents utilizing a computer-implemented system, comprising:

determining an identifier;

displaying a notes field for receiving manually entered notes;

storing the manually entered notes in association with the identifier;

allowing the manually selection of a file;

storing the manually selected file in association with the identifier; and

associating a plurality of patents with the identifier;

wherein the manually entered notes, the file, and the patents are accessible by subsequent selection of the identifier;

wherein the notes field allows a user to cut and paste notes;

wherein the file is selected utilizing a file structure field including a file tree-structure that allows a user to browse various folders where files have been previously

stored, where the file structure is displayed simultaneously with the notes field on the same interface;

      wherein the patents associated with the identifier are identified by searching a database including a comprehensive database of all patents issued by at least one government agency;

      wherein a mapping is capable of being generated based on the patents associated with the identifier.